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March 1, 2004

Dennis Braddock, Secretary  
Department of Social and Health Services  
14<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson  
P.O. Box 45010  
Olympia, Washington 98504-5000

RE: WA08.R04

Dear Mr. Braddock:

We are pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Washington's request for renewal of the Integrated Community Mental Health Program (WICMHP), authorized under 1915(b)(1), 1915(b)(3) and 1915(b)(4) of the Social Security Act. CMS is approving the continuation of this waiver through March 31, 2004, and approving the waiver renewal with an effective date of April 1, 2004, to coincide with quarterly expenditure reporting requirements. As a result, the new waiver renewal period will begin April 1, 2004, through March 31, 2006.

The decision to approve the renewal of this waiver is based on evidence submitted to CMS demonstrating that the State's proposal is consistent with the Medicaid program and will meet all statutory and regulatory requirements for assuring beneficiaries' access to care, quality services, and will demonstrate waiver cost-effectiveness for section 1915(b) waiver programs.

To ensure compliance with applicable Federal rules, CMS will be conducting a financial audit of this waiver in the upcoming year to determine whether any services have been or are being provided to non-Medicaid eligibles with Medicaid funds and whether services not covered by Medicaid have been or are being paid with Medicaid funds.

Please note that approval of this request is contingent upon the attached list of terms and conditions. The State has 30 days from the date of this letter to respond in writing with a phase-down plan for returning care under WICMHP to a fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system and include a FFS payment schedule for services in this program, if they do not accept the terms and conditions as set forth in the attachment.

If the State decides to request an additional renewal of this program, the renewal application must be submitted by January 1, 2006, at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of this waiver but no earlier than 120 days.

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We appreciate the State's efforts in continuing this program and wish you much success in the next waiver period. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Pat Farkas in the CMS Central Office at 410-786-5731, or Carol Crimi in the CMS Seattle Regional Office at 206-615-2515.

Sincerely,

/s/

Theresa A. Pratt  
Director

Enclosure

cc:

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